

as BCAT TV Network. She began as a production assistant and worked her way up to her current position as Production Manager.

At the BCAT TV Network, Tyne has worked on two State of the Borough addresses and three candidate debates—most recently with former council member District 39 and now Public Advocate Bill deBlasio, and former council member District 20 and now New York City Comptroller John Liu. In addition, Tyne has produced over 160 episodes of "Brooklyn Elected Officials."

During an internship at Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Tyne was privileged to work with actor Ben Vereen on "Broadway: The American Musical."

Tyne has been a faithful member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church since her early childhood and currently works on the Pulpit Community, Combined Choir, Youth Ministry and the Arts/Culture Ministry. Tyne also directs, produces and writes plays for the children in her Brooklyn church community. She has a special love for children and choreographs dance moves for gospel music for their enjoyment.

In 2006, Tyne met Everton Griffith and in 2008 they were married. They currently reside in Westchester, New York.

Tyne enjoys being an active participant in her community and spearheaded a campaign to "Rock the Vote" by organizing local community members in the Van Siclen/Dumont area block, registering a noteworthy amount of individuals to participate in the presidential election of 2008.

Tyne currently owns/operates her own videography business entitled Tru Vision Entertainment. Ms. Newman has been the recipient of numerous honors and enjoys acting, singing, writing, skiing and shopping.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tyne L. Newman.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUSS WIESLEY

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Russ Wiesley for his commitment to improving the educational system in Iowa and for recently being elected as president to the Iowa Association of School Boards' board of directors. The IASB, encompassing 361 school districts, 10 area education agencies and 15 community colleges, is a private, non-profit organization that serves as a major advocate for Iowa's school system.

Born and raised in Cedar Falls, Mr. Wiesley attended the University of Northern Iowa as well as Drake University, earning a degree in pharmacy. Upon graduation, he went on to work in various pharmacies, eventually opening his own.

With 13 years of experience on the Waukee school board and six for the IASB, Mr. Wiesley has risen to be a key figure for supporting the development and training of Iowa's students and school administrators. A former Marine and Vietnam War veteran, the leadership role is nothing new to Mr. Wiesley, who

has held prominent positions during his time as a member of the Iowa Pharmacists Association, the Dallas County Empowerment Board of Directors, the Urbandale Jaycees, the YMCA, the American Legion, the Waukee Veterans of Foreign Wars, the First Marine Corps Division and 2/1 Associations, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Waukee United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Russ Wiesley should be recognized for their sincere dedication to educating our nation and for their devotion to creating a better community. I sincerely appreciate the work that Mr. Wiesley has done and wish him further success in his educational endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. GAY TOLTL KINMAN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2010

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Gay Toltl Kinman of Alhambra, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women.

Gay has been active with both the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. As vice president of the Housing and Urban Development Committee for the City of Alhambra, Gay assisted the Alhambra Historical Society in obtaining a grant for the Alhambra Historical Society Museum. Gay also served as president of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Alhambra. While a member of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, Gay formed the committee to plan for a Chinese New Year Festival Parade, which still takes place today, and then was chair of the parade. Gay also served as Chair of Transportation on the Government Affairs Committee for the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce.

Gay has been involved with Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Gabriel, and San Marino. As president of the chapter, Gay helped bring in a record of nine new members, established the Friendship Link exchange where members of SI Burnley, England visited, helped establish the link between Alhambra Curves and La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center, and was the chair of various committees. She also founded the Soroptimist Camino Real Region's Friendship Grant Committee, which provides hospitality and professional education every two years for a Soroptimist from another part of the world. Currently, she is the Alhambra, San Gabriel, and San Marino chapter's co-vice president of programs, chair of the Woman of Distinction Award Committee, and co-chair of Reading is Fundamental, which buys books for third graders in the Alhambra and San Gabriel School Districts.

In addition to Soroptimists, Gay has given her time to various organizations throughout Alhambra. For the Alhambra Historical Soci-

ety, she has served as president and publicity chair. As a board member for the Alhambra Educational Foundation, she started the Authors Festival, which brings over eighty children's authors, storytellers, and illustrators to the Alhambra Unified School District. As chair of the Alhambra Red Cross Council, she helped restore the presence of the Red Cross in Alhambra and taught volunteer training classes. She has been secretary for the Alhambra Toastmasters, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and is currently head usher at Alhambra's All Souls Church. In addition, she helped design Alhambra's float for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

On top of all this, Gay has been active outside of Alhambra with the YMCA West San Gabriel Valley, the Special Libraries Association of Southern California, the Los Angeles County Deputy Commissioner of Civil Marriages, the League of Women Voters Greater Pasadena Area, and the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Gay Toltl Kinman. The entire community joins me in thanking Gay for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the people of the city of Talladega, who are celebrating their city's 175th anniversary this year.

Talladega, Alabama, was incorporated on January 9, 1835. Talladega is home to the Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega College, and many other historic sites, to name a few, and is also known for its fascinating history and deep traditions.

On March 25th, a four-day celebration of the founding of Talladega will begin. Included in the festivities are a historic play—presented by Talladega High School; USA Powerlifting, Alabama State Championship; a 5K run benefiting Hope Academy; a national championship celebration parade for Talladega College; a BBQ cook-off; a burial of the time capsule; and concerts by American Idol contestants Bo Bice and Ruben Studdard, to list a few.

All of us across east Alabama are proud of this important occasion for the citizens of Talladega. We look forward to seeing the city continue to thrive and grow, and congratulate local citizens and Mayor Brian York on their 175th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE BOONE COUNTY  
FAIR

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boone County Fair for receiving the 2009 "Blue Ribbon Fair" Award.

This award, presented by the Association of Iowa Fairs' (AIF) Board of Directors at their 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting in Des Moines, recognizes the Boone County Fair for displaying sincere commitment to educational programs, such as 4-H and FFA, in their community, as well as exhibiting genuine dedication to providing services in both fair and non fair locations.

Representing the Association of Iowa Fairs' North Central District, the Boone County Fair is one of six fairs in Iowa to receive this award in 2009. The AIF, a key advocate for Iowa's fair industry, is a non-profit corporation composed of 106 county and district fairs, the Iowa State Fair, and over 130 associate members, including carnivals, entertainment agencies, festivals, chambers, concessionaires, special attractions and suppliers of the industry.

Madam Speaker, the Boone County Fair truly captures the American spirit and demonstrates unwavering devotion to enhancing the lives of their community members. I commend the Boone County Fair for being recognized as a "Blue Ribbon Fair" and I am honored to represent the people of this county in the United States Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO JUANITA WEST  
TILLMAN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE  
YEAR—2010

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juanita West Tillman of Altadena, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women.

Juanita has been a resident of Pasadena and Altadena for 55 years. She taught for 26 years in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and Pasadena Unified School District, PUSD.

During her career at PUSD, Juanita served on school leadership teams, school site councils, school library grant writing committees, Pasadena Historical Society Curriculum Committee, Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committee, LAAMP Family Leadership Team, and in a professional development academy and literacy academy. While teaching, Juanita acquired a real estate license and, upon retiring, she joined her daughter, Lynnette West-Cater, as co-owner of Westlyn Realtors.

Juanita has volunteered as a mentor and advisor for children and youth, served on boards of service and community organiza-

tions, and has been effective in getting citizens registered to vote and out to the polls. She is a founding member and past president of Pasadena Delta Foundation, which is the first African American organization in the Pasadena area to establish a six-figure scholarship endowment fund; past president of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Lambda Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Pasadena Alumnae Chapter, respectively; chairperson of the Education Committee of the Pasadena NAACP Branch; current treasurer of the Pasadena Council of Women's Clubs; member of the Friends of the Pasadena Playhouse where she volunteers as an usher; and member of First AME Church where she serves as a Class Leader providing encouragement and service to her class members.

Juanita served on the John Muir High School principal selection committee in 2003 and the teacher selection committee in 2007 and continues to be an advisor and active supporter of Mentoring & Partnership for Youth Development (MPYD), a male-mentoring program at John Muir High School. She also assisted in planning the Entering the College Zone, a National Black Child Development program.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Juanita West Tillman. The entire community joins me in thanking Juanita for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO BRANDON PETTIT

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Brandon Pettit, of Prole, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. The 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recently named Brandon as one of the top youth volunteers in Iowa for his part in the 2009 Warren County Fair's recycling effort.

Brandon, upon noticing significant potential to cut down on waste at public events, created and successfully implemented a plastic bottle and aluminum can recycling initiative for the 2009 Warren County Fair. His plan recruited fellow 4-H members to monitor and empty 10 recycling bins strategically placed throughout the fairgrounds. Brandon would then, with the help of his family, proceed to sort, bag, and deliver the used bottles and cans to redemption and recycling centers.

Created in 1995, by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards annually honors the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia. This organization strives to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, while inspiring other young individuals to follow their

example. Over the past 15 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored nearly 100,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Brandon Pettit must be recognized and applauded for their sincere dedication to maintaining a healthy community and for their positive impact on the lives of others. Brandon's actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our nation, and I am proud to represent him, his family and his fellow volunteers in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF MS. JEANETTE  
ECKMAN

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanette Eckman, a remarkable woman who is to be posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Jeanette is truly deserving of this high distinction for her contributions to our State and the valuable legacies she left for historians.

Ms. Eckman was an educator, political activist, historian, and author. Her works, endorsed by our State, are considered official historical documents which have preserved vital aspects of Delaware's past. She served as director and historian for the 300th anniversary of the settlement of New Castle by the Dutch colonials in 1950–55, and received an honorary award from the Queen of the Netherlands for her devotion to Dutch colonial history in the Delaware Valley.

In 1915, Ms. Eckman became the first woman in the First State to be appointed to an executive position with the Republican State Committee, organizing women voters in the State soon after the women's suffrage amendment was ratified. She served as secretary for women's affairs for U.S. Senator T. Coleman du Pont in the 1920s.

As a champion of women's rights and preserving American history in the State of Delaware, Jeanette is the epitome of what this Hall of Fame represents. Her contributions to the State of Delaware are remarkable, irrespective of her gender. She was an amazing woman, and her legacy continues with this accolade.

SHOW OF SUPPORT MILITARY  
HUNT

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I want to show appreciation to an organization that is doing something unique for our wounded warriors. Show of Support Military Hunt honors men and women from different branches of service with a Texas way of saying "Thank Ya'll." We Texans love to hunt. It's